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from the path of devotion. He Is a traitor
to God for
not rendering unto God's servants the
wealth that is
God's. Short-sighted desire kills spiritual
development.

Contentment is the secret of true happiness,
There Is
nothing smaller than desire. There is
nothing greater
than desirelessness. Death is not long
hence, nor hell
far. Let not man flow as the flesh
prompts and
destroy himself. Nothing belongs to man
but know-
ledge. The earth is not his. Gold is not
his. Woman

Is not his. What is his is the jewel of
knowledge. The
sage ferryman Chowdaiya had no patience
with the
common attitude in life. Poverty, he said,
first is
anxious to get food. Getting food It is
anxious for
clothing. Getting clothes it is anxious to
save. Saving
It Is anxious to get woman. Getting a
woman It is
anxious to have children. Having
children it Is
anxious to prosper. Prospering it fears
loss; avoiding
loss it fears death. He found men anxious
about one
or other of these matters. He had not found
one man
anxious about God.

As might be expected when large
numbers take up
the work of spreading a new and popular
faith and
accept religious life, some of the teachers
and workers
were not all that they should be. The
leaders com-
plain of their discourse being not
edifying. The
servants of God became servants of man and
remember-

ed what bad happened to one man and what
to another
and talked to one another of one man being
good and
another being bad. Was such talk the holy
name that
they should repeat it? Was this talk for
good men?
Allama was quite harsh about such men of
religion,
They were entitled, as men of God, to give
holy water